

1814 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard (House)
Russell Neighborhood - Jay's Cafeteria Project
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- Location: 1814 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard
Russell National Register District
Louisville, Jefferson County, Kentucky
- Significance: 1814 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard is significant within the context of the Russell National Register District which was listed in 1980. This structure is typical of shotgun houses that were built throughout this particular neighborhood (as well as throughout Louisville) during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Houses with this floor plan were routinely built for the common man as worker housing. A variety of architectural ornamentation reflecting popular Victorian era styles were often applied to shotgun houses. The Italianate was among the styles most commonly used in the Russell District.
- Description: 1814 West Muhammad Ali Boulevard is a single-story wood frame Italianate style house constructed with a shotgun floor plan (see attached Sanborn Insurance Map). The main facade originally had an entry door to the east that was balanced by a window or two to the west. In all probability they were narrow in appearance and had strongly projecting decorative hoods. This door and window arrangement was replaced circa 1960 with new windows and doors. The building's cornice remains as originally conceived and is adorned with decorative dentils and brackets. A hipped standing seam metal roof tops the building.
- History: Although the exact date of construction for this structure is unknown because building records are not extant this residence was probably constructed circa 1867, the year both the house, lot, furniture and contents were described in a Chancery sale. Between 1868 and 1873 E.L. Gambrall, of Gambrall and Company, resided here (there was no listing in City Directors for this address or this surname for the years 1870 and 1871). Between 1874 and 1881 the house was not listed but by 1882, Jonathan Jacobs, a contractor resided at this address. From that year on up to the present the house was fully occupied.
- Source: Caron's Directory of the City of Louisville. Louisville: Caron Directory Company, 1832-1993.
- Louisville Landmarks and Preservation Districts Commission. "National Register File." Louisville, 1974-1993.
- Sanborn Insurance Maps. Sanborn Map Company: Pelham, New York, 1892, 1905, 1927, and 1961.
- Louisville Survey West Report. Preservation Alliance of Louisville and Jefferson County. Louisville, 1977.

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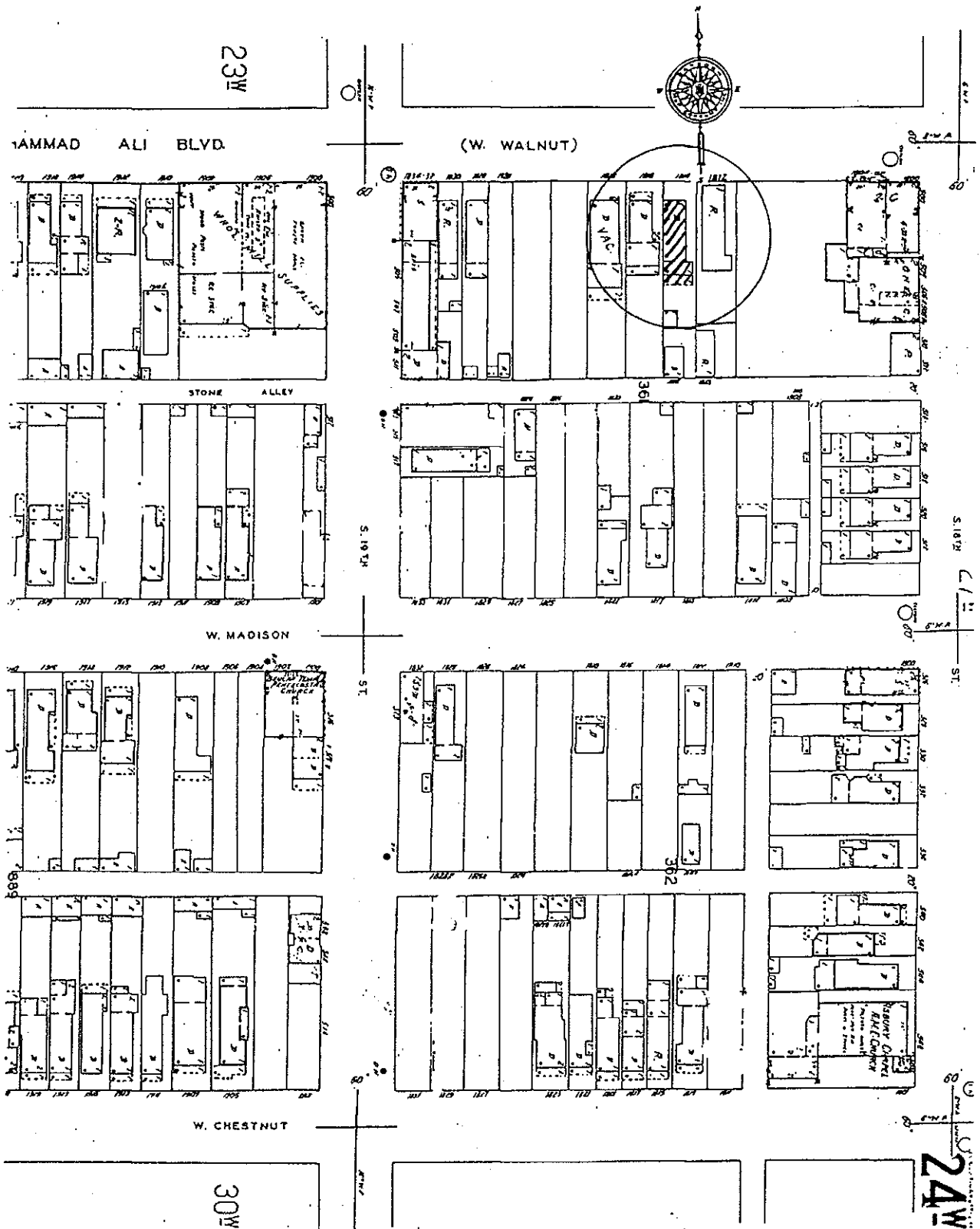
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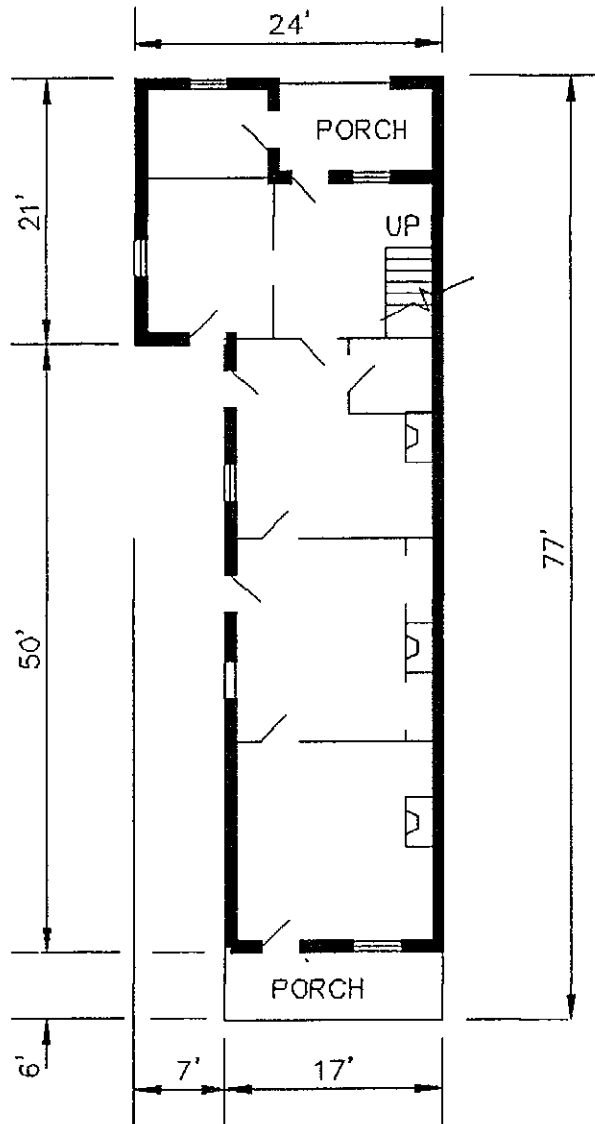
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